

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: D. SCHMOUTZ et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1761

For: CONFECTIONERY PRODUCT

COMPRISING VEGETABLE SOLIDS

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## **AMENDMENT**

**Box Non-Fee Amendment** Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2002, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for entry into the above-identified application.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Three Times Amended) A confectionery product comprising:
a mixture of at least 25% by weight of solid fat which consists essentially of cocoa butter or a derivative thereof, vegetable fat, or a combination thereof, and

at least 15% by weight of non-cereal vegetable solids finely ground to a size of about 80 microns or less that are dispersed in a continuous fat phase of the solid fat which serves as a matrix for the vegetable solids to form a stable shape for the product and to impart a confectionery texture to the product.

- 10. (Twice Amended) The confectionery product according to claim 1, wherein the fat consists of cocoa butter, cocoa butter equivalent, cocoa butter replacer, crystallizable vegetable fat, and mixtures thereof.
- 39. (Twice Amended) A confectionery product comprising a mixture of solid fat in an amount of at least 25% by weight, which consists essentially of cocoa butter or